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Summer on the horizon

Bobby and Audrey Clayton play in the sand on a beach in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on a warm spring day. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Property owners ask to put Ornge landing pad in Dysart

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A group of Haliburton Lake property owners say there is a need for an air ambulance helipad.

And they've again lobbied Dysart township council to allow them to put one on a piece of the old roadside pit on Haliburton Lake Road that has been turned into a waste material dumping ground.

Dysart council agreed to have staff report back on the feasibility of the emergency helicopter landing site.

Dave Freeman, the past-president of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association and the group's special projects roads liaison, said the group would leave the currently travelled portion of the pit as it is, allowing access to the small pit.

Freeman outlined the association's reasons for the air ambulance helipad in a letter to council and he attended its June 13 meeting.

He made the same proposal in 2015 to use municipally-owned land at 5177 Haliburton Lake Road for an Ornge heli-ambulance landing site.

He said there's a gravel pit owned by Dysart in Fort Irwin that's currently being used as a dump site for materials by the municipality.

The closure of the Minden Hills emergency department could put a strain on the resources of the Haliburton County Paramedic Services, he said.

"The timing for an ambulance to get from Haliburton or, worse case scenario, Minden or Tory Hill is pretty astronomical," Freeman said. "When you consider the new development on the far side of Percy and Haliburton lakes, you're looking at well over an hour to get to the fur-

ther reaches."

Fort Irwin is about 20 minutes from Haliburton and is a hub to Haliburton Lake, Ross Lake, Oblong Lake, North Lake and Percy Lake. It covers a large portion of Harburn Township, accessible only from the south and west by County Roads 14 and 19, but cut off to the north and east by Haliburton Forest and Algonquin Provincial Park.

Haliburton Lake has about 570 vacation and residential properties. Percy Lake has about 250 vacation properties and currently takes about 40 minutes additional travel time from Fort Irwin to reach the new cottage lots in the Grief Development.

Harburn Township hosts many different elements of activity that increases the possibility of serious injury occurring or worse. Two of the major provincial snowmobile trails lead into Haliburton County from the east, one at the top of Haliburton Lake and another on Peterson Colonization Road.

North Lake is the beginning of the Pearson International Airport holding pattern for all in-bound European flights to wait out any issues in Toronto.

There are hunting camps, tourism operations, summer camps for children in the area.

"Access beyond the township roads from this area can only be done with off-road vehicles, delaying timely attendance of the emergency services which could be reduced if an air ambulance could be waiting at a central location once the extraction commences," Freeman wrote in a letter to council.

In recent history there have been instances that poignantly illustrate the need for air ambulance access. One was

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Minds on Minden

Those against the closure of the Minden emergency room gathered on County Road 1 outside of the Haliburton hospital holding Minden Matters signs on Friday, June 16. From left, Brian Weston, Patrick Porzuczek, Bernie Davis, Ron Nesbitt, Jim Davis, and Laura Porzuczek stop for a photo. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Patty Daly and Tina Twyne hold signs for those driving by the Haliburton Hospital, protesting the closure of the Minden ER, on Friday, June 16.

Food charity sees dramatic rise in need, instability ahead

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Central Food Network operates with a “no wrong door” approach in helping people make ends meet.

Nancy Wright-Laking, who is in her third term as chairperson of the network’s board, and Tina Jackson, executive director, spoke to Highlands East township council when it met June 13.

The CFN does more than address food insecurity in the eastern reaches of Haliburton County: Highlands East and the eastern part of Dysart et al. The organization’s other focus is on addressing the impact of energy poverty throughout Haliburton County as a whole.

But, as described by the network’s leadership, they take it a step further when they can.

Jackson said the network operates with a no wrong door approach to helping people.

“Even when somebody calls us and it has nothing to do with heat, we try to help facilitate where they should be calling and help them to do so if they need the assistance to do that,” she said.

That includes provincial programs, social assistance applications, housing, dental assistance.

“You name it,” she said, “we have probably answered a question about it.”

Celebrating its eighth year as an incorporated non-profit and half that time as a registered charity, the network was borne of an organization that had been serving the region for about a decade.

Wright-Laking said network staff and volunteers

work long hours to ensure food and heat insecurity are addressed.

“As many other charities are finding, more volunteers are needed,” Wright-Laking said.

To that end, the CFN is making volunteer recruitment a heightened priority.

“We will have many of the board finishing their terms next year and we are trying to ensure we have a succession plan in place to replace these members,” she said.

The network’s Heat Bank services aims to support county households that are experiencing a heat- or hydro-related crisis. Families can avail of furnace fuel grants and firewood for heating emergencies, assistance to apply for grants for relief, assistance filing taxes, and help with the various programs.

At the heat bank last year, 216 calls for assistance were fielded and 156 households were helped. As many as 53 loads of fire wood was dispersed.

Jackson said the network offers a sliding scale toward providing help depending on the crisis level and the individual household’s specific needs.

“While we have that person on the phone and we’re doing the intake together, basic details, we are constantly screening for other benefits and services and programs that may assist with their heating needs, their hydro needs, and sometimes other things that pop up throughout the course of that conversation,” Jackson said.

Most recently, the CFN has offered free income tax filing for lower income households that have a simple tax return. It’s a program offered by Revenue Canada and hosted locally by the CFN.

“We really felt this was important because it assists

households in accessing financial benefits that they otherwise would not get,” Jackson said. “It better helps with their stability. If they have income coming in through the door, they’re better able to manage their household costs.”

Last year, the CFN helped people file 58 income tax returns.

On the food services side, the CFN offers one-time emergency food assistance and regular food hampers, she said. They helped 208 households access food and fed 194 people monthly. They did 180 food deliveries and prepared 4,441 meals.

“We do realize that a lot of our clients, the only foods going into their kitchens are what we give them,” Jackson said. “So we don’t restrict that to once a month.”

She said their food banks serve 22 per cent more people on average every month compared to 2021. The heat bank last year served 27 per cent more households over the previous year.

“We really are seeing huge increases in the number of people needing access to our services,” she said. “When we’re talking to food banks across Ontario, everybody is seeing that impact.”

“These really have been challenging times for people, young and old alike.”

Wright-Laking said the CFN needs to build capacity and prepare for more uncertainty ahead. Revenues need to increase to support the increasing needs in the community.

“There is no one who is predicting stability in the months ahead,” Wright-Laking said. “So we are stretching every dollar and we are stretching every foot of space that we have.”

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said the demographics of food bank users have dramatically changed over the years, along with the numbers of people who need to avail of the service.

“At one time there was a lot of more or less destitute people,” Ryall said. “Now that is no longer the case. There are some people who are actually working but just can’t make enough money to make ends meet.”

He said he offered that observation as a means to commiserate with the food bank representatives about the changes to which they’ve had to adapt in a changing, increasingly difficult world.

“I wish I had an answer on how to solve it,” Ryall said. “But please don’t stop doing what you’re doing.”

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Reviewing the year

Members of the 1129 Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps file in line ahead of the annual Cadet Review on Tuesday, June 13. The 38th annual Cadet Review took place at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Retired Capt. Cameron McKenzie was the Reviewing Officer Tuesday evening while a number of distinguished guests attended the review and awards ceremony. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Retired Capt. Cameron McKenzie presents awards to members of the cadets Tuesday, June 13 during their annual inspection.

Helipad is 'common-sense' idea: Fearrey

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a highway motor vehicle mishaps and another was somebody suffering a heart attack. Freeman said the Ornge helicopter couldn't land.

"That was based on the fire department running all over the Haliburton Lake environs, trying to find somewhere open enough for the helicopter to land," he said. "And it was to no avail."

"There's nowhere out there right now

for the helicopter to land."

Freeman said both the Haliburton County Paramedic Services and Ornge are on board with the plan, if it's approved by the municipality. Basically, all the association needs from the town is minimal funding to help pay for grass cutting and snowclearing at the site.

Mayor Murray Fearrey asked if there was a lot of remedial work to do at the site.

Freeman said there's about 100 loads of

ditching material that's been dumped in the pit. The plan was to level that dumped material for use as the landing pad base and to bring it above the lake's water level.

"It's a common-sense idea, I think," Fearrey said.

Rob Camelon, Dysart's public works director, said there's still come life left in the pit.

"But the area that is still active, I'll say, is covered in trees," Camelon said. "The

front end, more or less, is exhausted but it's still an active pit."

Camelon said he's reached out to the provincial government for its input.

"They will have an interest in this as well," he said. "Although they may not have jurisdiction on it, they're going to have some say as to where it goes as far as the rehabilitation goes."

"But I don't think there's anything that's really going to hold this up, initially anyway."

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Staff Reporter

While normally Razzamataz Kids' Shows wind down for the summer months, this year, an opportunity came up that they just couldn't pass up. "This is the first time we've partnered with Dance Happens Here and Abbey Gardens to bring high quality, affordable theatre to the community," said Nicole Stewart, the chair of the children's theatre committee.

The groups are collaborating to present *Branché*, a circus show for all ages that combines acrobatics, vertical dance, and physical theatre, all performed in, between, and with trees. "The show is a collaboration between Acting for Climate and Cirque Barcode from Montreal," said Stewart. "It aims to change our perspective of how humans are connected with nature."

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) has dazzled audiences in the county since 2015. The not-for-profit has facilitated events such as the *Nutcracker*, *Fashion Follies*, and *Viva Burlesque* to name a few. Their goal is to incorporate both professional and locally-based dance into the community through a variety of performances, workshops, and events.

This is the first time DH3 has partnered with Razzamataz since the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are thrilled to work with these incredible community organizations," said Stewart, "and we hope this is the first of many partnerships together."

The event is hosted at Abbey Gardens (AG) as a part of their first ever Solstice



Festival. "I've wanted to host an event like this for a while," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations for AG, "a type of festival where we focus on nature, biodiversity, and being mindful of our natural world." The festival is designed for young families, and will feature garden tours, an artisan market, live music, and nature-based crafts. Pre-registration is required.

"When Razzamataz reached out to collaborate, I thought this type of performance would be absolutely perfect for our audience, and to help raise awareness, even at a young age," said McAllister.

The Solstice Festival will start at 11 a.m. at Abbey Gardens on June 24, with the *Branché* show being performed at 1 p.m. with a question and answer period

Acting for Climate and Cirque Barcode from Montreal are working with Abbey Gardens and Razzamataz Kids' Shows to present *Branché* on June 24. The acrobatic circus show is a part of the first ever Solstice Festival held at Abbey Gardens. /Photo submitted

to follow with the performers.

"It's for people of all ages, designed to delight and inspire both young and old," said Stewart.

For more information on the Solstice Festival and the *Branché* show, visit www.abbeygardens.ca/solsticefestival.



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Emergency services are no longer available at the HHHS Minden site.

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HE builder suggests ways to alleviate housing crunch

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local contractor offered a possible means to alleviate some aspects of the housing crunch in Highlands East.

Gary Burtch, who owns G.J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd., said during the June 13 township council meeting that one of the biggest issues in Highlands East has to do with the lack of housing. Specifically, he cited a lack of rental properties in the township.

It's an issue many people have been lamenting in all four of Haliburton County's lower tier municipalities. And the lack of housing units to rent or purchase has been offered as a reason behind troubles with a thin labour market.

Burtch said there's also an issue with how to help aging parents.

"A lot of times, the parent is getting older and they want their independence, but they can't be totally independent," he said.

That's what he started thinking about a Granny Flat. He doesn't see why anybody with a large enough lot can't build something that could accommodate their parents.

Burtch said provincial guidelines stipulate that builds have to be on water a sewer hookups. And in Halibur-

ton County, he said, that's basically limited to downtown Minden Hills.

"If you have a large lot, why can't you put a second septic, second well on there?" he said. "And this is what I'm looking at."

Allowing a second dwelling on a property would help people to comfortably age at home.

He suggested the lot's second dwelling can also be offered as a starter home to a young family who would like to remain in Highlands East but can't afford a home in today's real estate market.

Burtch suggested to township council some conditions that may make such an arrangement more in line with some of the requirements of various bylaws.

He said second dwelling could be limited to lots of two acres or more away from lakes and rivers.

"We're having so much issues right now with short-term rentals on cottage lots causing issues with the neighbours," he said.

Municipalities could allow only units up to 1,200-square-feet with separate septic and well systems.

"A granny flat (of) 800- or 900-square-feet is plenty," he said. "Twelve-hundred (square feet), you can almost put three bedrooms on the same floor."

Both homes owned by the same person and with a

shared driveway has to be sold together, he said. Then such property and bylaw considerations as severances need to be worked out.

Burtch suggested council consider allowing on lots away from a river or lake more square footage of living space above a garage that would allow a bathroom and kitchen.

"There's so much talk about we can't get professionals to Haliburton County because there's nowhere to live," he said. "Or we can't get labour because there's nowhere to live."

"This will help that issue by having a rental unit that's under control and not too large."

Mayor Dave Burton, who was a professional water well driller, said it makes perfect sense to have the pairs of septic systems and water wells separate for the units.

"It depends on where you build on your lot," Burtch said. "You could always use a shared well. The biggest issue is the second septic on a lot. There's an issue with that with some municipalities."

Burton asked if Burtch if he's approached the provincial government with his ideas about providing housing.

"The province right now is more into larger centres," Burtch said. "They're too GTA-oriented. I haven't gone that far yet."



Sustainable Saturday

SIRCH held their Repair Cafe on June 17 at the Haliburton Legion. The cafe is offered as a means of keeping slightly damaged items out of the landfill, with textiles, toys, appliances, computers, furniture, and more being restored. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



Two of the Repair Cafe volunteers tinker with a small motor on June 17 at the Haliburton Legion.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

An apple a day ...

I WENT FOR a motorcycle ride with my dad on Father's Day. We drove through the Highlands, enjoying the hazy skies, a rocky landscape, and bright green trees, attempting to disconnect from reality for a while.

It's hard to do, though, when signs highlighting the gaps in local and national health care are on nearly every front lawn.

It's a crisis we can't afford to ignore.

I started thinking about "physicians wanted" signs and billboards lining county roads.

Doctors' offices have waitlists filled with endless names to be assigned to a family practitioner.

Those with a family doctor are lucky to get an appointment within a month.

One out of seven Ontarians don't have a family doctor. It's likely more than that in Haliburton County.

Despite tireless recruitment efforts, where are all the doctors?

Who's eating all the apples in the county?

In all seriousness, the main reasons why we can't get long-term family doctors in the area aren't a secret. We're stuck in the same endless loop that we've been in for years.

Without more housing options and improved health care, we can't attract new doctors. Without more doctors, we can't improve local health care.

I've been wondering about all the doctors that own cottages in the area. Why don't they want to do what so many others have done and move to the lake permanently? They'd be guaranteed a job - likely forever.

But then I remembered what chief physician of HHHS Dr. Norm Botum said in a press conference once.

He said Haliburton County likely

isn't an appealing place for new doctors.

We have older equipment and less medical staff.

Why would new doctors want to practice in rural Ontario when they could practice with better technology and have less of a chance of burnout surrounded by more staff at a bigger facility?

I'm one of the lucky ones to have a local family doctor and access to the medical centre's resources.

But what happens when our doctors retire with no replacements in sight?

Some people in the county have no choice but to use emerg as their primary form of health care.

With no walk-in clinic and no availability at any of our local family medical centres, emerg is the only option, even if an ailment isn't "serious" enough to be treated in the ER.

If someone has a recurring condition and has to continue to use emerg, they're seeing

a different doctor each time. A doctor that is busy treating potentially life-threatening conditions. A doctor that has never seen your medical record before that moment.

It goes without saying that the closure of the Minden ER will worsen the situation.

We're riding the same wave as many other small towns in Canada.

Minden made national news when its emergency room closed because it may have been one of the first, but very likely won't be the last to do so.

Attracting and retaining medical staff in a rural place is a national problem.

So I guess, if the saying's true, keep eating your apples. We'll need to keep our health up, because we don't have many doctors left.



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Editorial



Towering maples

by Tim Yano

Our human attention span is what?

AS IT so happens, ol' Maybelle was talking to Renda Ploops, a great gal, full of vim and vinegar, with a mind that flits around the earth and back in the course of just a few sentences, don'tcha know. Why, I was exhausted just trying to connect the dots, which got me to asking the ol' Google wizard what might be causing this to happen. And this is what I found out ...

Did you know that the human attention span is 8.25 seconds? Why, that's less than the attention span of a golf fish! That's right. That slippery little shiny thing beat us by .75 seconds, don'tcha know.

Plus, from 2000 to 2015 the human attention span decreased by almost 25 per cent. Twenty-five per cent. Two years later, guess who was elected president of the United States. Co-incidinky?

Why, that was the span of time when cell phones/texting and the Internet became human addictions. Why some folks just can't let their cell phones go unanswered when they ring, regardless of the time of day or night. That's one addiction that needs to be added to the list.

Cell Phones Anonymous!

Why, ol' Maybelle admits to checking my emails a ridiculous number of times a day, and I am aware that it's an addiction. As for texting, I prefer a real conversation or even writing an email. My fingers, although, pretty skinny, are forever hitting the wrong keys, so it takes me forever to complete a text. And then Spellcheck changes words

that I don't WANT it to change. Argh!

But, back to our human short attention span ...

According to Google, one in four teens forget important information about their close family and friends. Can you imagine, young Clifford is in the kitchen making a peanut butter sandwich when his mom walks in and he can't remember who she is? "I know it starts with an 'm,'" he says.

Also, one in ten people forget their own birthday from time to time. Just thinking about my birthday puts ol' Maybelle in a flap. Not only was there no such thing as time-saving digital shmigitals back then to save spending loads of time writing and editing stories and such ... there was no such thing as waterproof mascara - an absolute must for Esther Williams wannabes!

Why, I'm just so glad that MY attention span hasn't been affected. Oh, there's a sale on at Morty's Shoes & Such, uh, gotta send Rita a birthday card ... good thing my taxes are done ... think I'll bake a chicken tonight ... Beanpole's Tiger Moth bi-plane hit my wood shed again ... Bogart needs a good nail-clipping ... gotta water the hostas ... what time is it?

Like I said, I'm so glad ol' Maybelle's attention span is as good as ever, don'tcha know.

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My blind spot

THIS WEEKEND Jenn and I were having a conversation about how the mind works (I think she was, once again, trying to figure out how mine does). Somewhere in the conversation, she mentioned that when she closes her eyes and thinks of something, she sees an actual image of it in her mind's eye. I had no idea what she was talking about. Then, after further questioning, she also noted that when she daydreams, she also sees images of the subject and even little movies in her head.

"That's weird," I said.

"That's what most people see. You don't?" she asked.

"Of course not," I replied.

After a few more questions and some Internet research we determined that I seem to have what is called aphantasia – which literally mean "no imagination." Essentially, people with this condition cannot visualize images in their mind.

It affects around 1 per cent of the population apparently.

For instance, when most close their eyes and imagine a tree, a mental image of a tree appears in their mind's eye. For people with aphantasia, there is no image in their mind's eye at all, only blackness.

The truth is I always assumed your "mind's eye" was simply a phrase and that daydreaming and imagining, just meant you closed your eyes and thought of words to describe the thing you were daydreaming or imagining. I had no idea visual imagery had



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anything to do with these things.

I won't lie to you.

I feel a little ripped off.

I mean, most people can replay pleasant images in their mind's eye and enjoy them. Not me – my mind's eye is blind. When I close my eyes and try to recall or imagine faces, places or things, I only see darkness.

It's not like I can't remember things. It just means I remember the words, facts, and impressions associated with the memory.

At first, I thought Jenn was pranking me. But then I realized going to the trouble to set up all those websites that perfectly describe how my mind works was not her style.

This also explains a lot. You see I have never been good at recognizing the faces of people that I don't routinely see. And my sense of direction is so bad that it forced me long ago to become very good with GPS and compass. These are two common traits of people with aphantasia.

All this time I just thought I was really good at imagining dark nights.

Honestly, it's a little alarming to realize that my way of recalling experiences is so different than what is normal.

On the plus side, apparently people with aphantasia are immune from having disturbing flashbacks. And when we remember days, rather than having actual images come to mind, we remember a listing of facts about the day. Also, if I saw you do something highly embarrassing once, don't worry, the mental image is gone.

On the down side, I cannot visualize the faces of friends or of loved ones who have passed. To remember what my father looks like, I need to see a photo.

After we figured this out, Jenn asked me an interesting question.

"You are 61," she said. "How are you only just discovering this now?"

Well, I suppose it was just hard for me to imagine.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is an image that first ran in the Haliburton County Echo and is part of the Haliburton Highlands Museum collection. "One of the most exciting days in the museum's history must have been May 16, 1979, when Reid House was on the move! The decision had to be made to move the museum to Glebe Park and construct a new main gallery space, but Reid House was to be refurbished as a period home," the museum writes. /FILE

OPP would like to raise fraud awareness during seniors month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and the 2023 theme is "Working for Seniors." The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to raise awareness about frauds that target Ontario seniors, who have spent their entire life saving funds for their golden years. The OPP asks that we work collectively at sharing important fraud prevention tips with seniors in your life.

Being able to recognize frauds targeting seniors will go a long way in helping to combat cyber enabled frauds. With the public's help we want to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontario's Seniors.

In 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$531 million in victim losses. A devastating \$138 million (26 per cent) in losses were reported by senior victims. According to the CAFC, seniors lose on average 33 per cent more than other demographics. It is estimated that only five to 10 per cent of victims report scams and frauds to the CAFC or law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting seniors were:

- Investment frauds represented \$79.1 mil-

lion in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$36.5 million

- Romance frauds represented \$19.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.8 million

- Service scams represented \$8.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$6 million

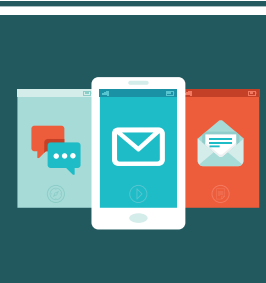
- Extortion frauds represented \$7.7 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$542,000

- Emergency-Grandparent scams represented \$7.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.3 million

The OPP encourages the public to visit the CAFC website to learn more about the frauds mentioned above www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Remember ... if you fall victim to a fraud or know someone who has, contact your local police service to report the crime and report it to the CAFC at 1-888-495-8501 or online on the Fraud Reporting System (FRS), even if a financial loss did not occur.

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Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson were named the athletes of the year at the 43rd annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Ceremony. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Girls soccer coach Janice Scheffee presents Wilson with the female athlete of the year award.



Boys soccer coach Rob Gervais presents Zagorsky with the male athlete of the year award.

Athletes and coaches celebrated at Athletic Ceremony

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

It was a year of getting "back to normal" in the world of sports at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Red Hawks athletes and coaches were reconized for outstanding performance and dedication during the school's annual Athletic Ceremony on Wednesday, June 14.

"This year is extra special because it is the first time in three years that we have been able to gather together and celebrate Red Hawk athletics since before the pandemic. It's hard to believe, but this is the first time our Grade 12 Red Hawk athletes have attended our Athletic Ceremony," said Department of Physical Health and Education teacher Janice Scheffee said during her opening remarks.

Sports that took place at HHSS in the fall this year were girls basketball, cross country running, girls field hockey, golf, boys soccer, and boys volleyball.

Winter sports came next with Nordic skiing, boys basketball, girls volleyball, and wrestling, ending with badminton, girls soccer, and track and field in the spring.

Awards were given to celebrate athletes on each team showing distinguished leadership and improvement, and major awards were given at the end of the ceremony.

Athletes of the year were Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson, both in Grade 12.

Zagorsky started school at HHSS in 2021 and quickly showed his passion and dedication for sports.

"All the years I've practiced and worked on sports, it just means a lot. This shows that if you work hard for something, you can definitely achieve it,"

Zagorsky said to the *Echo*.

Wilson said team sports were one of her favourite parts of going to school at Hal High.

"It feels amazing. I've put in so much work over the years, and I love sports, especially team sports," Wilson said about winning athlete of the year. "I love the feeling of winning it together and working together. [Winning athlete of the year] is a validation of all that hard work, the extra time and effort that I put in over the years."

Although the two athletes were involved in many sports, their time playing soccer stood out to each of them.

"In Grade 11, I thought there would never be a [boys] soccer team while I was here. It was seven years ago they last had one. My favourite memory is having the impact of starting a soccer team again this year, in my Grade 12 year," Zagorsky said.

Becoming a Kawartha champion alongside the girls varsity soccer team was a moment Wilson will always cherish.

"Going in, we all had such low expectations because we were a varsity team. Last year, we didn't do very well, and we were all out there to have fun, and I think that's why we performed well. We just weren't putting so much pressure on ourselves and just wanted to do our best," Wilson said.

Zagorsky's plan for the future is to become a police officer after pursuing a trades apprenticeship first.

Wilson is sad to be leaving HHSS behind, but is excited for the future.

"I'm ready to go off and see what else the world has to offer," she said.

She will be attending the University of Waterloo for an undergraduate degree in biochemistry.



A participant serves the ball during the final match of the Ontario Senior 50+ Games held in Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Straight down the line

The 2023 Muskoka/Haliburton Ontario Senior 50+ Games are well underway, with a tennis tournament taking place at the courts in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Tuesday, June 13. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A participant returns the ball after a serve.



The cast bows at the end of their performance.

Taking a bow

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's drama club recently held their first public performance from June 9 to 11. The club formed in March and has been meeting three times per week to rehearse for an upcoming performance of *Star-crossed Hat Trick*, a modern, Canadian twist on Shakespeare's classic, *Romeo and Juliet*, written and directed by HHSS teacher, Rebeka Borgdorff. The cast consisted of 25 students, from Grade 9 to 12. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



Dysart increases DYMO passenger rates

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The current billing rate for Haliburton Bus Lines has rendered the venture unprofitable.

That's the message the bus operation's owners brought to Dysart township council June 13 when its proprietor asked to increase its hourly rate to \$25 effective July 1.

An annual cost of living increase to the rate was also requested.

The DYMO Bus travels to five areas within Haliburton County and can do specialized prebooked trips to Lindsay, Peterborough, Bracebridge, Barrie, Oshawa, Toronto, and Kingston. It also provides long-term care facility and medical transfers.

The service was launched in 1989 and turned over to the municipality. Then, in 1991 through NorthernWays Transit Ltd., an agreement was made with Dysart to take over the daily operation of the bus.

In 1991, the service rang up \$15 per hour.

An increase was requested in 2008 to \$18 per hour. By that time, operators had assumed control of invoicing and dispatching of the bus, aspects of the operation that was previously handled by Home Support Services.

Dave Freeman, the bus line's operator, said the billing rate was increased to \$19.50 per hour in 2020.

"Now I'm before you again today in 2023," he said. "We've found ourselves in a position now where the operating costs for us, we're paying the driver \$18 an hour and at \$19.50 an hour we're actually going backwards."

"Although I have strived to provide the service at the lowest possible rate, we cannot continue to do it at a loss."

Wages have since increased so that more money is spent than what the operators have been billing, Freeman said.

Going from \$15 to just \$19.50 in about 30 years simply doesn't keep up with the times when the cost of living has increased in that time by 93 per cent.

"So we really are kind of behind the times with this," Freeman said.

"What do you do besides operate the bus?" Mayor Murray Fearrey said. "All the expenses are on us (the township)."

"All the expenses are on you," Freeman said. "(We) provide a driver, keep it (the bus) clean, through COVID there was also the extra cleaning, dispatching of it (the bus), and invoicing of it."

"I think it's reasonable, with the times," Fearrey said. "Really, to have somebody look after it. Keep it clean. That's pretty important to us. I don't know who else we'd have to do that."



Volunteer smiles

Mel Abberger - field technician and volunteer coordinator for Turtle Guardians holds up Beakler, a common snapping turtle during the Haliburton Highlands Volunteer Engagement Fair on Friday, June 16 at the Haliburton Legion. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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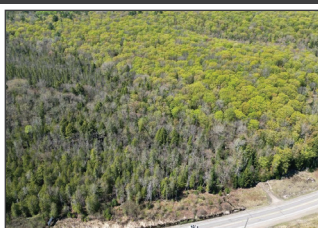
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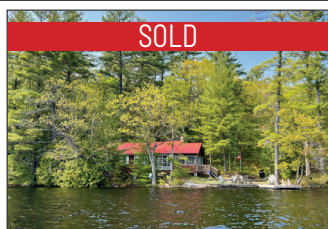
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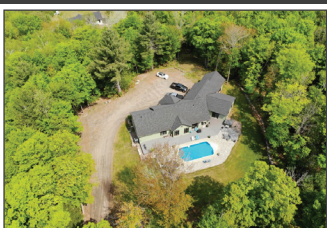
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Commoner
 - 5. Tea leaf
 - 11. They save you a table
 - 14. Submissions
 - 15. Secretly revealed
 - 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
 - 19. Unreal
 - 21. No seats available
 - 23. Bangladeshi currency
 - 24. Leaders
 - 28. Famed garden
 - 29. Denotes past
 - 30. Not living
 - 32. Midway between south and south-east
 - 33. Small island (British)
 - 35. Woman (French)
 - 36. Wife
 - 39. Two-toed sloth
 - 41. Blood group
 - 42. Soaks
 - 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
 - 46. Japanese prefecture
 - 47. Place to be during a rock concert
 - 49. Fully grown humans
 - 52. Emaciation
 - 56. Sparkling
 - 58. Fruits you peel
 - 60. Derived from a noun
 - 62. Popular items to grill
 - 63. Port in Yemen
- 5. Dominant
 - 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
 - 7. NY Giants legend
 - 8. It's in the ground
 - 9. No No No
 - 10. Pesky insect
 - 12. Danish-American muckraking journalist
 - 13. Kids love to do it
 - 16. Good Gosh!
 - 17. Fakes
 - 20. A citizen of Denmark
 - 22. Mystic syllable
 - 25. Commercial
 - 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - 27. Helpers
 - 29. Water (French)
 - 31. Young woman
 - 34. Red-brown sea bream
 - 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 37. Comprehends
 - 38. Walk with confidence
 - 40. Home of the Flyers
 - 43. Appetizer
 - 45. News organization
 - 48. Source of the Nile
 - 50. A way to march
 - 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - 53. Egyptian bull-god
 - 54. Children's author Blyton
 - 55. Baseball pitching stat
 - 57. Rude young person
 - 58. Table napkin
 - 59. Monetary unit in Asia
 - 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Before
 - 2. Actress Dunham
 - 3. This (Spanish)
 - 4. Director Peter

Answers on page 16

Queer Night Out

Russell Red Records hosted Haliburton's first "Queer Night Out" on Friday, June 16, where members and allies of the LGBTQ2s+ were invited to connect and share some joy. The event, hosted by Poet, brought many community members who were treated to some 80s music on the turntables and a silent screening of Pretty in Pink while cold Haliburton Highlands Brewing beverages were offered at the bar. /ADAM FRISK special to the Echo



Jacob Outram browses through a vast selection of vinyl at Russell Red Records during Queer Night Out.



Russell Red Records' Daniel Manley and Collin Burke pose for a photo with Queer Night Out host Poet on Friday evening.

Bees in the trees

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

We've all heard the phrase "see the forest for the trees," but what about seeing the forest for the bees?

That's what the Haliburton Sculpture Forest is aiming to do for their newest collaboration with artist in residence Charmaine Lurch.

"We've had dancers before as artists in residence," said Jim Blake, the curator of the Sculpture Forest, "but we have never had a visual artist. And there are many layers to Charmaine as an artist."

Lurch is a multidisciplinary artist with a Masters in environmental science, whose work focuses on the intricacies of relationships between humans and the natural world. She has exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, and the National Gallery of Jamaica to name a few. She has also showcased installations at Nuit Blanche in Toronto and the University of British Columbia's Liu Institute.

In her artist statement for the upcoming installation, Lurch noted that approximately 75 per cent of North American plant species require an insect to pollinate. Most of the time, bees are up to the task. "Wild bees are hard to see unless they've landed on something or they're dead," she said, "I wanted for them to be seen and their vital role in our ecosystem recognized."

But unlike many art installations, Charmaine wanted the community to "bee" as involved as possible. That is

why she is hosting two wild bee making workshops over the summer to kick off her installation.

Over the winter months, Lurch has been creating the wired bodies of the wild bees, and for two weeks in the summer, she is inviting anyone to join her in putting together the arms, the legs, and the wings of these fantastical wild bees. "I love the idea of having installations for this very reason," said Blake. "It really gets people involved." Blake shared that people are welcome to drop by for an hour, a day, or even the whole week. The program is free of charge, and all bees that are created will be landing in the Sculpture Forest for visitors to see.

The Sculpture Forest saw over 40,000 visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, visitation has wavered slightly, but it is still the number one destination for visitors in Haliburton County, based on County Tourism information.

With that in mind, Blake is cognizant of the environmental impact these visitors could have on the trails and the forest as a whole. "There are two parts of a sculpture forest," he said. "One is obviously the sculptures, but the other is the forest. We are stewards of the forest, and we really need to pay attention to that."

Artist Charmaine Lurch will be holding an artist talk on June 28 at 4:45 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. All are welcome, and there is no charge to attend. To join the wire sculpture drop-in sessions over the summer, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.



Wire sculpture artist Charmaine Lurch adds details onto a wired bee frame. Lurch has been preparing the sculptures to offer community workshops over the summer months in Haliburton. /submitted

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The Highlands Corridor Project launches at Queen's Park

With the help of local MPP Laurie Scott, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) held a reception at Queen's Park on June 7 to introduce the Highlands Corridor project to provincial politicians and their staff.

In addition to MPP Laurie Scott, speakers at the event included MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Sheila Ziman, member of the HHLT board, Jennifer Dailloux, deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands and member of the HHLT board, Peter Kendall, executive director of the Schad Foundation, John Harbinson, HHLT Partner in Conservation, Marit Stiles, leader of the Ontario NDP party, and MPP Sandy Shaw, Critic, Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The keynote speaker was Paul Heaven, senior wildlife biologist/consultant at Glenside Ecological Services Limited. Paul presented several maps of the Highlands Corridor and made the case that the extensive crown land that sits in the corridor be designated by the Province of Ontario as a conservation reserve. Conservation reserves are a type of protected area intended to protect significant natural and cultural features. Conservation reserves are an important part of the protected area system in Ontario, covering 1.4 per cent of the province. There are currently 259 reserves in Ontario, including two in Haliburton County.

Paul outlined four compelling reasons to name the Highlands Corridor as a conservation reserve. First and foremost is biodiversity. Through species at risk investigations and habitat assessments we have come to understand that the Highlands Corridor is rich in biodiversity providing habitat for over 40 species at risk, 25 provincially significant species and 43 regionally rare species.

Second is flood mitigation. The Highlands Corridor



Biologist Paul Heaven
with a map of
Highlands Corridor at
Queen's Park.
/Submitted

is comprised of provincially significant wetlands, rocky barrens and forests, including old growth forests such as the Catchacoma Forest. Through wetland mapping we know the area has exceptionally high wetland representation at 17.9 per cent. For an area that has been subjected to flooding in 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2019, maintaining wetlands is a critical strategy to mitigating the impacts of flooding.

Third, the Highlands Corridor significantly helps with long term climate change resilience. The forests and wetlands sequester and store vast amounts of carbon. For wildlife communities, the Highlands Corridor maintains habitat connectivity, thereby allowing populations to move when faced with climate phenomena.

Finally, the Highlands Corridor provides us with a significant opportunity to apply landscape conservation at a meaningful scale, with over 60,000 ha of uncaded crown land extending between three provincial parks. Through raising the level of protection of the Crown land to Conservation Reserve, we can ensure these natural assets are not lost.

HHLT's presentation was well received by the approximately 65 MPPs and staff attending. There was much interest and many questions as people clustered around the map of the corridor and interacted with the speakers and other Land Trust supporters while they enjoyed a special treat of Kawartha Dairy ice cream.

The Highlands Corridor is a local initiative with strong community support. The County of Haliburton has passed a resolution of support and we have over 1600 ha of lands owned by HHLT Partners in Conservation: that is, private landowners that are dedicated to good stewardship. Another 500 ha are protected by NGOs and municipalities. This unique model of conservation is only effective if the Crown Land is properly protected. Raising the status of the crown land to a conservation reserve would be a powerful first step.



Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, speaks during the Highlands Corridor presentation at Queen's Park.



Notice
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In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Big Glamor Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 33, Concession 12, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-10809 made by **IBW Surveyors, completed December 1, 2021.** (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East,
Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of June, 2023.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
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**County of Haliburton
Notice
County Council Summer Meeting Schedule**

By resolution of Council there will be only one regularly scheduled Council meeting during the months of July and August. Committee of the Whole meetings have been cancelled. County Council will meet as scheduled on July 26 and August 16, 2023.

For more information, please refer to the County's CivicWeb portal: <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/Portal>

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It might be June but Haliburton Hospital is celebrating its first birth in 2007

A CELEBRATION

Health Services says thank you to all the people who supported capital campaign

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Mike Lennox and Sherri Walker exemplify all that is good about sports at HHSS

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Relay for Life raises staggering \$108,000

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A thousand stories were told around the track of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

on Friday night, and each one raised \$1,000 to try to prevent any more of them from having unhappy endings.

There was the story of seven-year-old Dawson Hamilton of

Minden, a young warrior who painted "I am brave" on his face so people could read of his determination to fight the leukemia that's invaded his body.

Then there was the story of Kathy McKelvey-Brown who used the thought of her four-year-old son being without a mother to keep her going when her treatments against breast

cancer were interrupted by the news that she also had lung cancer.

But the story of Sue Currie had to be told by her husband

See **Survivors' Lap** page 16

Is centre's parking lot sponsorship a dig at council?

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Parking at the Haliburton medical centre may soon be free of charge, but only for a few days at a time, and at the expense of local businesses looking for publicity.

Last Tuesday, Dysart council debated whether to approve a local business's request to fund free parking at the facility for one weekend. Some councillors felt the publicity stunt was actually a dig at council, who imposed the unpopular parking fees. This led to some discussion over whether the municipality should even entertain the idea.

"I think they're probably just doing this because they oppose the parking fee," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "But if council wants to approve it, that's your decision to make."

Councillor Dan Kay disagreed with Fearrey, and said the municipality should set a fee of \$300 per day, which would be put back into maintenance fees for the parking lot.

"Why don't we just set a daily fee, and if someone wants to do it, well then go ahead and do it," said Kay. "I don't feel it's making us look bad, I just look at it the same way as donating ice time."

Councillor Andrea Roberts said she agreed with Fearrey

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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Inspired by the glow of 1,000 luminaries, the 495 participants in Friday night's first-ever Relay for Life took turns in circling the track at the Haliburton high school. When the organizing committee first met in January, they were told that a realistic goal would be \$25,000.

State your opinions – nicely – in Highlands East

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council will soon be on the move, in search of public input from across the municipality.

Last week, Reeve Dave Burton asked council to arrange public meetings in all four wards – what he calls a 'travelling road show' – so that residents and cottagers can give feedback and suggestions to their elected officials.

"I won't call them council meetings, because we won't be going into a session. It will be more like a town hall meeting," he said.

Burton suggested that the meetings be held on Saturday mornings throughout July and August in order to attract as many people as possible. He asked that all councillors be present for the meetings, and also suggested that councillors chair the meeting in their individual wards.

Burton noted that there will likely be some criticism at the meetings but is hopeful that ratepayers keep things constructive.

"I don't want it to be a bashing contest. I want it to be positive, and I would like the chair to keep it that way," he said.

"I'm sure when we get to Ward 3 there will be a few issues that will come up, but I don't want to dwell on one issue in particular, I'd like to cover the whole thing...There's a lot of

people out there who have some really good input," he added.

Ward 3 Councillor Donna Graham suggested that council members should be given a chance to speak one-on-one with concerned residents before the meetings officially begin. "That might cool some people off," Graham said.

"Well, I don't think it will be too heated," said Burton in response. "I actually think it will be quite positive."

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